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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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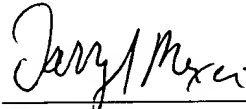
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanation:

**Japanese Patent Publication No. 2559970 is disclosed on page 6 in the specification for the above-identified application.**

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